

have careful as well as cleanly sewing. On arrival, each applicant is given a number, so that all may be attended to fairly, and in regular turn, without unnecessary delay ; and as most have breakfasted but meagrely, a bowl of nourishing soup is supplied and gratefully partaken of. Not forgetting the injunction to "sow beside all waters," and realizing that food for the soul is as needful as food for the body, the devotional committee, composed of members of the Board, hold a short service of prayer, Scripture reading, hymn singing and exhortation with the waiting ones ; besides conversing with each, hearing her story, and offering words of counsel. (In this connection, it is fitting to convey thanks to Mrs. Eustace, who so kindly assisted the committee in this branch of the work by playing the organ at their services.) It is in order here to say that no woman is given work except on recommendation of some reliable citizen, or on that of the visiting committee, who faithfully, often laboriously, investigate each case. Gratifying improvement is shown in the quality of the work, and when it is explained that members regularly teach these women plain sewing, darning, glove mending, buttonhole making and knitting, admiration is divided between teachers and learners ; for, if it is sometimes hard to acquire knowledge, it is also often difficult to impart it.

The establishment in Toronto of the Needlework Guild has been of advantage to this Society, inasmuch as purchases are frequently made at the Industrial Rooms, for bestowment through the sister charity. Householders, too, in increasing numbers, find their requirements met in underclothing, aprons, night robes, bed linens, children's dresses, and knitted goods. The sources of supply are donations from many interested patrons, weekly sales, city grant, and Annual Sale, no systematic canvass for contributions being made, as for other charities. The Annual Sale held first week in April, while proving very satisfactory, still left a large amount of stock unsold, and to dispose of this, the Society decided on renting a store for three months, in the Young Men's Christian Association Buildings, in order to realize upon it if possible.

Mention must also be made of the cast-off clothing department, where, for a trifling sum or a few hours work, many a